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Director of the Bureau of the Census.

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GIVES PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT A ROUSING RECEPTION LATE IN THE DAY.

ATTENDED BY FIFTY THOUSAND

Elaborate and There Was a Limit to the Enthusiasm—Spoke at the Auditorium.

Nob. April 27—The day of the president's visit to Decatur was a day of great excitement.

After leaving Grand Rapids, the president arrived in Decatur at 10 o'clock.

The president was met by a large number of citizens.

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## LEFT IT UP IN THE AIR

SUPREME COURT PASSES ON ALABAMA SUFFRAGE CASE IN UNSATISFACTORY WAY.

## REFUSES THE RELIEF ASKED

Petition While Claiming Rights Charge as the Law Granting the Right is Fraudulent.

Washington, April 27—The United States Supreme court today decided the case of Jackson W. Giles, colored, versus the board of registration of Montgomery county, Ala.

Giles was denied the privilege of registering as a voter under the new constitution of Alabama and the case was brought to the United States Supreme court.

The relief sought was political. Justice Holmes' written opinion was not made public, but he made quite an extended statement from the bench.

He pointed out that while Giles is claiming that the franchise system of Alabama is a fraud, he declares his competency as a voter under it, and closed by saying it was beyond the power of a court of equity to grant the petition.

Harlan dissenting said that in his opinion the case should have been dismissed for want of jurisdiction, alone, as was done in the circuit court, and he criticized the court's opinion, saying it left the question of jurisdiction in the air and he was not willing to be a party to such proceeding.

Brewer and Brown expressed the opinion that the circuit court should have been reversed and that it should have been directed to assume jurisdiction of the case.

## THE CHEAPEST WAY OUT

Would Be to Buy the Speaker, Was the Remark Overheard Concerning Miller.

## INVESTIGATION AT THE CAPITAL

Springfield, Ill., April 27—The boodle inquiry was resumed this evening. The greatest secrecy was observed.

George W. Hinman, of the Chicago Inter Ocean was one of the witnesses and was accompanied by his attorneys.

The nature of his testimony was not announced, but it was alleged he did not specifically designate any particular case of bribery.

Charles Anderson, one of the speaker's clerks and George B. Albert of Marshalltown, Iowa, who it is alleged overheard the remark, "It would be cheaper to buy the speaker," also testified.

The committee adjourned about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning to meet again tomorrow afternoon.

## RAIN CAME IN TIME

To Save Bayfield, Wis., from Devastating Forest Fires.

Houghton, Mich., April 27—Threatening forest fires are reported as raging in the lower end of Houghton county. The details are meagre.

Dense smoke overhangs Hancock and Houghton and the country south.

Ashland, Wis., April 27—Forest fires of considerable magnitude are raging in the woods of Ashland, Bayfield and Douglas counties most of the day and it is thought that much timber has been destroyed.

Bayfield was in danger of destruction, but rain tonight arrested the progress of the flames.

## TRUST FALLS DOWN

Because Eastern Capital Could Not Be Interested.

Chicago, April 27—The cash and door trust has failed to materialize, and today through the deeds filed in the recorder's office it was learned the American Sash and Door company of New Jersey has decided back to the original owners the three plants here which had gone into the combination.

It is said the promoters were unsuccessful in enlisting eastern capital in the enterprise.

## PAY TRIBUTE TO ATTORNEY KNOX

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL BECK GIVES GREAT CREDIT TO TRUST'S ENEMY.

## THE DECIDED STAND TAKEN

Has Resulted in Making the Government's Position One of Moderation and Firmness.

Pittsburg, April 27—The annual grant banquet was given by the American club tonight, and the guests included in addition to prominent speakers from Washington, 300 of Pittsburg's prominent business men.

Assistant Attorney General Beck made the principal speech, his subject being "Grant." To Lincoln and Grant above all men he gave credit for the untold republic of today.

Speaking of "Friends and enemies alike concede today, that no political event is better assured than the re-nomination of Theodore Roosevelt." Unquestionably the president owes his enduring and widespread popularity primarily and chiefly to his own unwavering energy and dauntless courage.

"Premaking this," he added, Theodore Roosevelt owes much to the wise guidance and courageous action of Philander C. Knox.

"When he became attorney general, the republican party was confronted with growing distrust to its purposes with respect to oppressive and unlawful conditions.

"What an extraordinary change has been wrought in a few years. These lawless combinations have ceased to be arrogant and the government has ceased to be either apologetic or timid."

"In his two years of service, he the attorney has never failed to win a victory in every important case and it is little to say that in no two years have more important legal and constitutional principles been firmly established."

Secretary Wilson made a statistical address on agricultural matters. Other speakers were:

Civil Service Commissioner Foulke and Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau.

Block Burns.

Centerville, Mo., April 27—An entire block of business houses was burned here today. The loss is \$100,000.

## IN PRINT ONCE MORE

NELSON A. MILES AIRS HIS OPINIONS ON CONDITIONS EXISTING IN PHILIPPINES.

## CLIMATE IS DEBILITATING

The Chiefs of the Bureau Have Been Permitted to Make Replies To Miles.

Washington, April 27—General Miles in his report concerning his observations in the Philippines speaking of the troops building a road to Lake Lanao, says he found 600 soldiers at work, 70 were sick and 200 men were on the sick report.

He censures the employment of troops on such work unless in event of great military necessity. He says: "The effect of the climate is a most serious detriment to the service. The men go there in perfect health and in the prime of manhood, but as a body are seriously affected in the course of two or three years' service. Very few escape; this majority are debilitated."

During his visit he did not see a single soldier under the influence of liquor and as a result of his observations considers the discontinuance of the liquor feature of the canteen beneficial to the army.



Mrs. Marietta  
King, Pioneer

## Has Lived Here Longer Than Any Other Woman

Early Days  
in Decatur

Mrs. Marietta King has been in Decatur longer than any other woman now living in the city. She came here when eight or nine houses made up the settlement, before there were stores, churches, schools, doctors, or railroads. Mrs. King is now the widow of one of the doctors of the early days and lives within 100 feet of the busiest railroad tracks in the city. She makes her home with her son, John King, on North Main street, just north of the Wabash tracks.

Although Mrs. King has lived in Decatur for 73 years she is yet a well-preserved woman and a person of activity. She has not only lived in Decatur longer than any other woman, but she has lived here just as long as any man now living. Her brother, Silas Packard, and she came here at the same time and they are the veteran citizens of Decatur. All of the others who came here before them have passed away.

"I really do not know much about the growth of the city," said Mrs. King in speaking of Decatur. "I was always busy at home in my younger days and in fact every one was busy. We did not have the accommodations in those days and help was hard to get and the women simply stayed at home and looked after their household duties. I know what the place was when I came or rather as far back as I can remember and I know what it is now. I was only 6 years old when we arrived in Decatur, and the place by the way, was called Decatur then and I do not remember very well our coming, but my earliest recollections are those of the little settlement which was called by the same name we now give to our city. I just grew up, got married and settled down to a woman's duties and allowed the city to grow up around me."

Mrs. King knows a few things about the early trials of a pioneer physician which would probably discourage some of the medical students of the present. She was married to Dr. Joseph King, who was one of the pioneer doctors. He was not the first, however. Dr. Rook was the first physician to come to this city and he carried his drugs in saddle bags.

But Dr. King was one of the first and he went through more hardships for the sake of suffering humanity than will ever fall to the lot of any of the young doctors of the present day in this locality. "It was no fun being a doctor in those days," said Mrs. King. "I remember that Dr. King made his trips on a horseback. He bought a buggy as soon as it was possible to use one, but in the early days, one was compelled to ride on a horse in order to get through the timber and high grass. The doctor's practice extended over a radius of forty miles from Decatur. He would go out on a call on his horse and might not return for three or four days. I would not know where he was, but would simply have to wait until he came back. When he went out on a trip the people would see him pass and would call him in to treat their ailments and his return would be delayed."

Mrs. King belongs to an old American family and she traces her ancestry back to 1760 and is a direct descendant of a soldier of the Revolution.

One of her ancestors, Benjamin Packard, fought for the State at Lexington, Bunker Hill and other Revolutionary fields of contest and received an honorable discharge from the Continental army. Mrs. King was a daughter of Silas Packard Sr. and the family came here in 1830 from Royalton, Va. The whole distance was made in wagons in company with two other families. The Packard family first stopped with distant relatives, the Stevens family at Stevens creek. As soon as a house could be built, the family moved into town. Mrs. King's description of Decatur at that time is interesting. She says:

"It was mostly Decatur in name as

low on West Main street was a cabin and west of it on the hill was the house of Mr. Hanks and family. "P. Smallwood" was family lived two miles north of the city on the Water street road and although Mrs. Smallwood was the mother of thirteen children she was kind-hearted and often visited the afflicted and took sick persons to her home and cared for them until they were better. On account of the lack of drainage most every one had chills and fever, and there was a great deal of sickness."

One of the houses in those days was the old log court house which is now in Fairlawn park. Mrs. King says that members of her family



MRS. MARIETTA KING.

there were but few houses. On the corner where the Arcade building now stands was our house of two rooms. Where Barnett's store is now located was a house of two rooms, where the family of P. D. Williams lived. In the east end of the living room was a bay and there were some livey times when the liquor flowed. Drinking was indulged in excessively in those days and was probably not looked upon with as much disrepute as now.

On West William street, west of where the late Mrs. Jane Culver lived, were several log houses. J. R. Gorin and some of his relatives lived in one and a family named Johnson lived in another of these log houses. "Opposite us on the east side of North Main street were several houses. In one lived the members of the Hunting family who came to Decatur with us and west of them near where the Abbott house on Prairie avenue now stands was the home of Mrs. Herold, a good woman who was always ready to help her neighbors. In the hol-

low suits in that building, and that she has attended weddings, church services and school in the old court house and besides it was used as a lodging place by movers who passed through the city.

The first church that Mrs. King remembers being built in Decatur was the Methodist church, which was erected in 1838. Mrs. King is a member of St. John's Episcopal church and was one of the first members of that organization.

The first establishment which was anything like a hotel, which Mrs. King remembers was the boarding house of Mrs. Harrod which was located on what is now Prairie avenue.

At one time Mrs. King and her husband, Dr. King, owned a large tract of land which is now quite a good part of Decatur. This land was procured from the government and consisted of forty acres extending from the line where the Wabash tracks are now located north, and from North Main street west.

Dr. King and his wife lived on this land and built the large brick house at the corner of 2nd and Edwards streets which is known as the King homestead and the Montgomery homestead. Most of the land around the house was planted in small fruits and fruit trees and was known as King's orchard and the name is still applied to the addition of lots now built up with houses which covers the northern part of that tract of land.

Dr. King sold tracts of land off of this 40 acres and had part of it platted in lots and consequently was the grantor in many real estate transactions. Mrs. King says now that it is frequent that persons who are making real estate deals come to her to ask about who owned certain lots or tracts at certain times in order that a clouded title may be cleared but she generally is compelled to tell them that she is not a walking record book.

Mrs. King's name has been commemorated in this city. Marietta street was named for her, that being her given name. Packard street was named for her family and King street was named for the King family.

Mrs. King's husband, the late Dr. Joseph King, died in 1897. Mrs. King and her husband were the parents of five children, three of whom are living. They are J. E. King and Mrs. E. R. Montgomery of Decatur and J. W. King of Coles county. Mrs. King has four grandchildren and also has a brother, Silas Packard, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Conell, living in this city, and another brother, Mason Packard, living in California.

### CITY OF THE DEAD.

Greenwood cemetery is now going through the annual spring cleaning. Every year as soon as the weather will allow, the custodian, James B. Bendure, begins the work of putting the cemetery in proper condition for summer and it is no small job.

The grass must all be raked and later on cut, and the trees and shrubs trimmed and then many persons have special work they want done on their lots.

Mr. Bendure will make a special effort as he does every year to have the place in shape by Memorial day. On that day the exercises are held at the cemetery and half the population will turn out and visit the cemetery. Probably more people visit the cemetery on Memorial day and the few days preceding than any other week in the year, so the custodian as well as those who own lots want the place to look well.

Greenwood cemetery is as pretty a burying ground as can be found anywhere. The ground is rolling and is naturally picturesque. But this same feature of uneven ground makes it quite as difficult a place to keep in good shape as any cemetery in the country. The uneven ground makes it necessary to do all the cleaning and grass cutting by hand and it is slow work.

Mr. Bendure is now a busy man. People come to the cemetery to look over their lots and always find some little thing they want changed or they think of some decoration and with all of these requests they come to the custodian.

This year there are quite a number of new monuments and grave stones which are being made and will be put in place soon.

It is likely that few people realize that there are more than half as many dead people in the city. The exact count of the graves is not known, as during the earlier days the books were not kept as carefully as they are now but there has been over 10,000 bodies buried in the place.

J. E. Bendure is now entering upon his twenty-fifth year as custodian. For nearly a quarter of a century he has looked after the place and has been away from his duties but very few times during all that period. The cemetery association was organized March 3, 1887. All persons who own lots in the cemetery are entitled to vote and once a year a president, secretary and treasurer and a board of directors are chosen to serve for the next year.

The cemetery covers about forty acres. The original plot of ground was not large but several additions have been made and now the cemetery extends south almost to the river. It is almost impossible to buy a lot in the old part near the gate and what few tracts in that part that can be bought are held at high prices. Lots in other parts of the cemetery are sold at different prices according to the location.

Last year the association receipts as shown by the books of the secretary and treasurer, R. R. Montgomery, were \$4,844, while the expenditures were \$4,141. The balance is placed in a fund which as it accrues is used for the purchase of more land or other improvements. The money of this fund is kept at interest.

Peoria is Talking Carnival. At Peoria the carnival talk is again agitating the people and the newspapers are booming the idea that the annual fall festival should not be omitted in the fall of 1908. There is no talk here about a festival next fall. Unless some new and untold plan can be suggested, recent experiences teach that Decatur had better pass up the carnival idea. The people here have grown weary of the sort of show that have been held here for several years and the next one is likely to be more of a failure than the last one.

A woman can always get along with her husband if she can make him believe he is doing exactly as he pleases.

### WEARING LODGE PINS.

The wearing of lodge pins by young men and others not members of the orders is not infrequently practiced and the lodges object to anything of the kind being done.

Those who wear lodge pins when they are not members may not know that there is a state law which prohibits it and makes the penalty rather severe.

In Decatur a number of persons have worn Elks pins when they did not belong to the lodge. In some cases the pins were imitations and sometimes the real pins were worn. The badge of a lodge has been on a number of occasions used by unprincipled persons to advantage and for this reason the law was passed. Livingston, a typewriter man, who went to the penitentiary for embezzlement, was one who wore an Elks pin and managed to borrow money and receive courtesies on the strength of his misrepresentation.

The section of the law which provides against this practice is as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person to wear insignia or badge of any lodge or fraternal society chartered or having grand or subordinate lodges in this state, or to use the same to obtain aid or assistance, personal or social recognition thereby from any person, unless he shall be entitled to use or wear the same under the constitution, by-laws rules and regulations of such lodge or society."

This does not apply to the wives, mothers, sisters or daughters of lodge members. The penalty on conviction of violation of this law is a fine of not less than \$20 and not more than \$200.

The Surest Cure for Rheumatism Is Senneloid's Frictional Oil. FOUR THOUSAND Most wonderful in its effects. Money will be refunded if it fails to cure. Your druggist sells it at \$1.00 per bottle.

FILES BOND. Henry Amman, the treasurer of the highway commissioners, has filed with the town clerk his bond in the sum of \$25,000. The sureties were L. Burrows and Logan A. Burrows.

Mrs. Mary Strupp of Orleans, visited in Argenta Tuesday morning. H. Brennan is visiting his brother Dick Brennan in Clifton this week. Frank Benton left Tuesday morning for Enid, Okla., where he will reside. Mrs. Benton and children went a few weeks ago. Perry Hillbrand, Illinois Central agent at Orleans visited relatives here yesterday. Mrs. G. W. Morrison and daughter, Miss Della and Mrs. V. Morrison of Denver, Colorado, visited Mrs. J. A. Carr Wednesday. Mrs. Amanda Robertson of Streator, is visiting Mrs. Ella Robertson and children. Miss Edna Sanford is visiting her sister Mrs. Orpha Wallace in Peoria this week. Mrs. Belle Stearns of Decatur is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Adams this week. Mrs. E. Smelters visited C. James and family of Orleans, Thursday. The K. of P. and Rathbone lodges will give a mask social at their hall Saturday evening to the members and

## DECATUR GIRL HAS LITERARY TALENT

WINS PRIZES WRITING VERSE AND PROSE.

The many friends of Miss Mabel Elizabeth Fletcher, and also the people of Decatur, will be pleased to know that she has again won a gold medal for clever verse in the May St. Nicholas. This is the second time that Miss Fletcher has won a medal for her verses in this magazine, and she has several times received special mention. The St. Nicholas is a magazine for young people and is published by the Century company. Each month the magazine awards prizes for the best verses sent in. The poems are not to have over twenty-four lines and must be original.

Miss Fletcher is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Fletcher of 470 East Center street and is a member of the senior class of the high school. She is only 18 years of age and has always lived in Decatur. Her school work has been above that of average pupil and she likes the liter-



MABEL ELIZABETH FLETCHER.

### "THE MEADOW OF THE SLUMS."

A drooping clover in a broken glass,  
An oak leaf tattered up from long ago,  
A bare, baked ground without a bit of grass,  
And rag-weeds in a sullen jagged row;  
Behind it all, the filthy gutter runs,  
In front the heavy garbage boxes stand—  
Yet here the ragged children of the slums  
Come stocking in a joyous happy band.  
The clover turns to daisies fresh and gay,  
The oak leaf is a grove of noble trees,  
The gutter oft becomes a tranquil bay,  
Where gentle, white-sailed ships can tempt the breeze.  
And clover, gutter, oak leaf and the weeds,  
Although dear Mother Nature's very crumb—  
God willed that they should be the tiny seeds  
In the meadow of the children of the slums.

In a subject. This is where Mabel Fletcher has shown considerable talent. Most persons would be inclined to do what the literary people term "fine writing," that is, they would tempt to decorate their products with fine figures. Miss Fletcher, however, chooses to write upon the natural and commonplace things which describes them just as they are.

Miss Fletcher has a strong imagination, and writes her short verses without out thinking over what she is to say for any length of time. The two short poems given were written without any forethought and at one sitting. She has quite a collection of verses that she has written, among which are some very clever pieces of work, especially some character sketches. She is a member of the girls' literary society of the high school and furnishes the members of the society considerable enjoyment by her numerous stories and verse. Miss Fletcher is a quite unassuming young lady and among her school mates has a large circle of friends. Her graduating class wished to put her in the program for commencement but she declined to accept a place much to the disappointment of her friends. Teachers recognize her as the strongest person in literary ability in the high school, and look forward to a bright future for her.

The two poems that have won prizes in the St. Nicholas are given below. This one wins a gold medal and will be in the May St. Nicholas.

### QUIET DAYS.

(In the November St. Nicholas)

From the rosy dawn to the sunset hour  
The hills are bathed in a misty light,  
The half-fledged bird and the new-born flower  
Are scarce seen through the veil of white—  
Dreamy and slow through the autumn haze  
They silently pass—the quiet days.

The goldenrod swings by the roadside grey,  
The spider weaves a canopy bright,  
The robin's lit and the bobolink's lay  
Wing over the meadows from morn till night;  
Dreamy and slow through the autumn haze  
They silently pass—the quiet days.

### SOME CANNON TALKS.

The salary of a member of congress is \$4,666 2-3 a month. "Uncle Joe" Cannon of Illinois, when it became apparent that he would be the next speaker of the house, thought it would be a good idea to move from his present comfortable but rather modest apartments to where "a little more dog," as he expressed it, "was put on."

He went to the swellest hotel in town and asked to be shown some rooms. The gentlemanly clerk conducted him to the upper regions and unfolded to his vision a handsome suite of rooms. "How much like are they?"

"Four hundred dollars," was the reply.

"A year?" persisted the chairman of the appropriations committee, who likes to be definite where figures are concerned.

"Oh, no, sir, \$400 a month," explained the clerk.

Mr. Cannon appeared lost in reverie for a few moments. The clerk shifted meanwhile from one foot to another, and finally ventured, "What's the matter, Mr. Cannon?"

"About what, Mr. Cannon?"

"What I'd do with the other \$16 66 2-3."

Congressman Cannon visited Pittsburg recently and on his return to Washington said to Representative Dalkiel of that city, "John, I believe anybody can say about smoke in your town. It's so bad that I have written a new version of Mary and her little lamb. Only one verse is really completed. It runs this way:

"Mary had a little lamb,  
Its fleece was white as snow;  
It followed her to Pittsburg  
And now look at the dum thing!"

"Well," said Dalkiel, "I had intended running over home in a day or so, but if the smoke is as bad as you report, Joe, I guess I'll postpone my visit for a short time."

the Washington fire department the other day. The veteran Illinoisan was leaving the capitol for the day when he happened to see the fire wagon dashing down the hill at full speed. He hailed the driver and was taken aboard. Many members of congress were walking down Pennsylvania avenue to their homes and as they stopped to watch the truck pass their attention was attracted by a muffled figure on the seat with the driver. Somebody recognized "Uncle Joe" and he was heartily cheered in passing. The next speaker of the house seemed to enjoy the ride. He held on tight as the great truck dashed around corners and dodged street cars and automobiles.

On reaching the scene of the fire, which was near his hotel, "Uncle Joe" dismounted and proceeded to his home. In explanation of his experience Mr. Cannon said that he was just going home and that he thought he might be saved the trouble of catching a street car by riding down on the fire machine.

### AGE AND WANT.

Bear Heavily on John Fagan Who Wants to Die.

A stranger in the city who gave his name as John Fagan attempted to kill himself with an iron bar bolt in the C. & E. yards at the Junction this afternoon. Employees of the company saw his act and succeeded in taking him over to Officer Taylor.

Fagan arrived in the city last night from Decatur and was about the Junction this morning. Soon after dinner he wandered into the C. & E. yards where he picked up the bolt having a heavy iron cap on one end. He lifted it and then brought it down on his head with great force, cutting a bad gash. Before he could strike a second blow he was caught and Officer Taylor called. As he was being taken to the Junction he attempted to get away and throw himself under a gravel train of the P. D. & E. The old man was taken to the police station in the patrol wagon.

Fagan told a pitiful story. He said he was old, being over 60, and had no home and no friends. One hand is injured and for this reason he says he is unable to get work. He claims to have formerly lived in Danville 18 years ago when he was employed in a coal mine here—Danville News.

Invited friends.

Charles T. Wright of Arrowsmith is visiting here this week. A. Broderick who has conducted a photograph gallery here for several months has moved to Cisco. Miss Belle Shinsky of Warrensburg returned home after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Lute Bennett. Mrs. Carrie Barnett is seriously ill. Miss Edna Swick is visiting in Decatur. April 24, 1908.

They tell of an Atchison singer who

PERSONS TALKED ABOUT.

Dr. L. Gideon Archambault one of the oldest physicians in Rhode Island who died several days ago in Providence, left \$40,000 to found a hospital for the aged poor in that city.

Mrs. Katerina Tsilika, the native missionary of Albania, who was captured by brigands in company with Miss Ellen M. Stone, will shortly come to this country on a lecturing tour. Ladislav Madaras, who was Kuth's minister of police in 1893, and who for the past 54 years has lived in Iowa, is about to start for his home in Hungary to pass the remainder of his life. The people of his country are arranging an elaborate reception for him.

Dr. E. G. McLaughlin, the world-famous Chinese opium specialist in London Times, was completely ignored during his recent visit to Melbourne, Australia, but a wealthy gambler just returned from a visit to England was entertained at a banquet presided over by the lord mayor.

Rev. Dr. George K. McDonald, the Baptist minister, who gave up his church in Astoria, Long Island, and started a saloon, has found the venture unprofitable and given it up. Seeing the errors of his ways—and having made a failure in the saloon business—he attended a church meeting and sought redemption to the fold, confessing that he had sinned grievously. He may be restored after a time, but not just yet, it is thought.

An Englishman used to meet the great philosopher, Arthur Schopenhauer, every morning walking with his ugly poodle along the promenade in Frankfurt-on-the-Main. Schopenhauer's eccentric appearance deeply interested the Englishman, who was so curious that one day he could contain himself no longer and, walking up to the philosopher, addressed him abruptly. "Tell me, sir, who in the name of fate are you?" "Ah!" Schopenhauer replied, "I only wish I knew that myself."

Who was the first little boy mentioned in the history of England? Chap. I. Of what profession is every child a player?

DR. SILAS E. MCLELLAND.

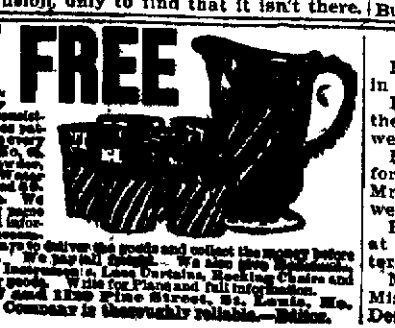
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The self-made man has a profound contempt for a pedigree. Reno county has "objectors" to the high school and its place of location.

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Don't cry over split milk, says the Managing Philosopher. It was probably a fault of microbes, anyway. A woman sometimes jumps at a conclusion, only to find that it isn't there.

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Congregational churches will convene  
in Decatur on Tuesday of this week  
and remain in session two days. The  
sessions will be held in the Congre-

M. C. Davenport who was killed in the shoe business in this city who is now living in New Orleans in the city on a visit. He has been in Springfield where he went to the funeral of Milton Wood.

The pessimist never orders lamb.

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REPUBLICAN JUDICIAL TICKET.

(Sixth District, Election, Monday, June 1)  
W. G. Johns of Macon.  
Solon Philbrick of Champaign.  
W. G. Cochran of Moultrie.

It takes a pretty big man to be a cat in Illinois.

The senate appears to have strangled the civil service bill.

Speaker Miller appears to be something of a cat himself.

April 26 1885, General Johnston surrendered to General Sherman.

The ducks are now cleared and the bass ball battle can rage.

Remember that this is the right time in the moon to go to church. Try it today.

This is confederate memorial day and a holiday in Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

Bryan and Watterson are in harmony at last. Both agree that Cleveland wrecked the democratic party.

Stuart Robson at the age of 67 is making plans to launch a new play suited to his style.

It may be a little late to mention it but did you see the smoke of the 4th ward in Tuesday's battle?

Cleveland may be a "has-been" as Mr. Bryan insists. Still that is even better than to be a "never-was."

Representative Gray took a hand in the scrimmage in the house on Thursday and got his picture in a St. Louis paper.

What harm can come in giving Chicago what it asks for when the remainder of the state is in no way affected?

Little has been heard lately about Senator John's picture. The election being over our neighbor can resume this fruitful theme.

Germany has barred out American potatoes. If it had only been our Ben Davis apples there would have been some excuse.

There will be a session of the legislature today. What a queer sensation that Saturday session feeling will be. No member ever experienced it before.

Tomorrow is the birthday of General Grant, he being born April 27, 1822. The corner stone of the Grant monument was laid on his birthday in 1892.

It seems too bad that the people could not have been induced to vote on the police bill. Why not have a special election with no other matter to vote on?

St. Louis should have her grand jury take a recess over April 30, the day when President Roosevelt and Post President Cleveland are within its gates or out to the exposition grounds.

American newspapers are 189 years old today. The first paper printed in the new world was the Boston News Letter, April 24, 1704. Since then they have grown until their name is legion.

Alice Carey, who wrote heart-touching poetry, was born April 26, 1820. Artemus Ward, whose real name was Charles F. Browne, was born April 26, 1834. He was one of a school of humorists of a past generation.

Speaker Miller should learn that it is the American theory that a majority should rule. He might further learn that when a legislative body chooses one of its number to preside, it does not surrender all its rights, powers and privileges to its creature.

Wont Ben Tillman and Joe Bailey turn green with envy when they read of the riotous proceedings in the Illinois legislature. To think they will have to wait until December before they can have a chance to turn the U. S. senate into a rough house!

Several Missouri statesmen notably Senator Bill Joel Stone and Lieut. Gov. Lee have that puckery alum taste in their mouths. That baking powder business is raising several kinds of Cain in Missouri.

THE PEOPLE HAVE SOME RIGHTS.

The scenes in the Illinois house of representatives on Thursday were disgraceful beyond the endurance of the people of the great and orderly state of Illinois. The whole trouble is over legislation concerning street car franchise renewals at Chicago. Speaker Miller ignored the demand of an overwhelming majority for a roll call. The reason given by the speaker for this high handed proceeding was that some one had sought to bribe him. This charge can easily be believed to be true. It is not doubted that the great financial interests involved in the street car system of Chicago would resort to bribery and that they would buy the entire state government, executive, judicial and legislative if they could. Of course no one believes this could be done. The excuse given by Speaker Miller for denying the constitutional right of roll call is a very flimsy one and will not hold water. The fact that he had been corruptly approached is no excuse for knowing and wilful disregard of his duty as speaker. He concedes that his method was high-handed, but shields himself by saying that it was "not fully unprecedented." This is doubtless true. Other speakers, notably, Haines and Crafts, often carried matters with a high hand. With them the gavel was a majority. This, however, is no justification for the unconstitutional and revolutionary tactics of Miller. When 97 representatives of the people desire to have the roll call, they may put themselves on record for or against any measure pending in the house. A speaker who denies them the right becomes a very cheap tyrant. He needs curbing until he will be willing to respect the legal rights of every member of the house. The subject matter of the pending measure makes no difference. The right to deliberation in perfecting a bill and a vote upon each phase of it is guaranteed to every member. Mr. Miller will find that he is neither peevish nor the people of his district when he permits himself to be made the instrument of unwarranted and unjustifiable proceedings. Speaker Miller should either resign or observe the constitution and laws of Illinois.

MANY WILL RETIRE.

In the next two years President Roosevelt will have at his disposal more federal judgeships than any of his predecessors in office has had. Before the end of his term it is probable that he will have appointed more judges than any other chief magistrate in two terms. A number of distinguished jurists are about to retire, among them Chief Justice Fuller, probably. The law provides that a judge may retire who has served ten years, or is 70 years old. Chief Justice Fuller has been on the bench since 1888, and is eligible for retirement, both for length of service and age. Justice Harlan has been on the bench a quarter of a century, and, like Chief Justice Fuller, is still vigorous, physically and mentally, but in the natural course of events his retirement is looked for within the next few years. Justice Brewer and Justice Brown can also retire within the next two years if they see fit. Several retirements are probable on the circuit bench and in the court of claims. One of these of the court of claims is Judge Weldon of Bloomington. Judge Wright of Urbana, was a recent appointment to this court.

DIPLOMATIC ETIQUETTE.

A dilemma has been discovered in diplomatic etiquette in relation to the dedicatory services at the St. Louis exposition. Baron von Sternburg, who

represents Germany in this country and whose predecessor was dean of the diplomatic corps at Washington, has not yet received his commission and therefore, the German envoy's present rank is that of a minister on a special mission, and as such he necessarily is at the foot of the list of ministers and just preceding the charges d'affaires.

While Baron von Sternburg has ostensibly taken no notice of the embarrassing effects of his minor rank, friends of Germany in the United States are dissatisfied that the head of the German embassy should be ranked by all of the foreign representatives at Washington save Venezuela, Uruguay, China and the Dominican Republic.

It has been the intention of officials of the St. Louis exposition that Baron Von Sternburg should be among the especially honored guests at the dedicatory ceremonies and German-Americanians there are preparing to make the welcome of the Kaiser's representative a hearty one. Official etiquette, however, will prevent the baron from taking a prominent part on that occasion. Unless his credentials as ambassador arrive in the meantime, he will be seated at all official entertainments between Cheikh Bey, and Turkish minister, and Senor Pulido, the Venezuelan charge d'affaires, assuming that the precedent set by the Mexican ambassador at a recent dinner is followed.

THE PRIESTS. Why, in Europe for many years a doctor was not allowed to attend upon the sick unless he took the priest with him, and if he omitted to call upon the priest for three times his license to practice medicine was taken away from him. The foolish rules and regulations that are now in vogue or that are attempted to be put in operation by this medical act relating to physicians and dentists has its origin in these old monkish notions, and they ought to be frowned down and laughed out of civilized society.

WAS A GOOD BUSINESS EYE.

Dowie may be a fraud and all that in religion and as a healer but when it comes to business he is "Johnnie on the Spot." Three years ago he bought 6000 acres of land paying from \$100 to \$200 per acre. Zion City has since been laid out in this land. Now he is fighting the proposition of a railroad to condemn a strip of his territory and claiming that if they do take it they must pay him \$5,000 an acre. Inasmuch as he owns 6000 acres, it can be seen that he has a pretty good speculation on hand. The railroad insists that the price is exorbitant, and that it is worth no more than \$1,500 an acre, but even at this it can be seen what an enormous profit the old evangelist has made. It appears that Dowie is tied up to the Chicago & Northwestern road. They have been very accommodating to him in railway rates and facilities and have just built a fine depot at Zion City. Dowie thus having a good thing with one corporation, does not seem to care for a competing line.

CARNEGIE TO TUSKEGEE.

Andrew Carnegie has again shown how a rich man can be a benefactor to the human race. He has given \$500,000 to the endowment of the great school founded by Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee, Alabama. Mr. Carnegie considers Washington as the Moses of his race, leading the negro out of the slavery of ignorance. He says that "history is to tell of two Washingtons, one white, the other black, both fathers of their people." He further says "I am satisfied that the serious race problem of the south is to be solved wisely only through Mr. Washington's policy of education which he seems to have been specially born—a slave among slaves—to greatly advance." How differently this sounds when compared to the Tillman and Watterson policy of hate and ignorance. Booker T. Washington is undoubtedly one of the greatest living men as Mr. Carnegie says Carnegie is a world benefactor.

THE PEOPLE STAR thus sizes up the results of the late election in Bloomington and Peoria. It says that "Bloomington has always been held to be republican to such a degree that nothing could shake it, and yet it has elected a democratic mayor. The converse is the case with Peoria. Peoria has always been reliably democratic, and could be relied upon to roll up a majority of from 600 to 1,500 for almost any man the democrats would nominate. Within the last five years the tide has turned. The new influx of voters seem to be republican, and the city is now normally republican by about 1,000 majority, so the changing population changes the politics of the two places. In Peoria the result is due to the large number of manufacturing enterprises that have come here, bringing with them mechanics whose natural affiliations are for the republican party. The young blood is in favor of the tariff and prosperity. This year the influence of Roosevelt has been felt in all departments and the president has done more to carry the municipal elections than any other one thing."

The Red Cross society is having a regular D. A. R. of a time. President Roosevelt threatens to step in and still the troubled waters. Mrs. John A. Logan sustains Miss Clara Barton, others assert that Miss Barton has outlived her usefulness—and there you are. When the heroic services unselishly given by Miss Barton through the agency of the Red Cross are considered much allowance must be made for the frailties and weaknesses of the more than four-score years she has borne the battles of life.

Beware of Quackery for Catarrh that Certain Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is hardly to be overestimated. Do not be told to the good you can get by using them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying get the genuine. It is taken internally and sold in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Hall's Catarrh pills are the best.

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The farm is elegantly located, being just a mile and a half north of Decatur on the Bloomington road, which is one of the most traveled roads in Macon county. I was agreeably surprised and pleased to see and know such fine horses and Berkshire hogs were being raised so close to Decatur. The cut below shows a handsome Percheron Stallion weighing 2100 lbs. and not fat, but made up of bone and muscle.

This horse is an imported stallion and a great show horse, having already won several prizes, including a first at the last state fair. He is four years old and has a beautiful coat of dark grey, the true color of the Percheron family. The last edition of the Breeder's Gazette proves my statement. This is the kind of horses we need in this section of the country and most heartily wish Mr. Crabb success which he is sure to have.

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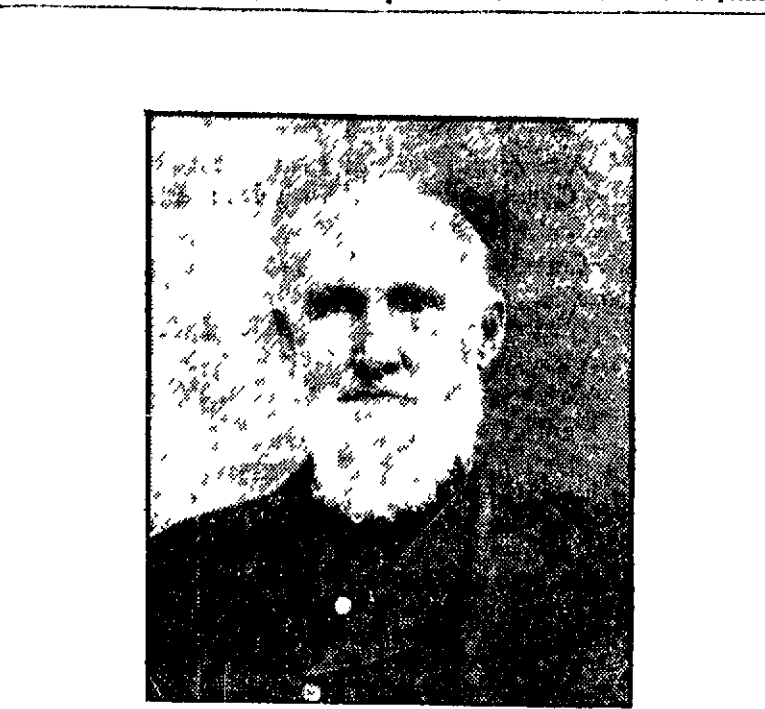
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## FATHER WAS FIRST SHERIFF ROBT. WARNICK MEXICAN WAR VETERAN.

Subject of this sketch Mr. Robert Warnick was born in Ruthersford, Tennessee, December 21, 1824, on a little ground of Seone River, on which soldiers have a vivid recollection says the Blue Mound.

Warnick has no remembrance of his father as his family moved to Illinois in the fall of 1828, taking up a "settlers right" upon what is now known as the old Ekki farm three miles north of Booby, and where Robert Warnick now lives.

On his father as he is called recalls the rough log cabin fourteen by sixteen feet high enough for one room, covered with rough clap boards held in place by weight poles ill cut from the timber which surrounded the spot and occupied by six sisters each having five brothers and a father and mother as he expressed it. The floor was made of hewn puncheons, the cracks chinked and daubed with sticks and mud the chimney was of the style known as cat-in-clay, clap boards be-



ROBERT WARNICK.

ing laid over poles for a loft the door being made of clap boards held in place by heavy cross pieces of wood acting as hinges upon wooden supports completing the hinges and clicking as the door swung shut or was thrown open.

Within was constituted a rough bed or two having but one leg each the logs of the cabin supporting the other corners. Uncle Robert says when night-fall came mother had beds all over the floor and boys and girls enough to fill them with the latching-pulling for the night.

The kitchen was numerous, called daily for a hand out but his father always kept the old Dillard flint lock rifle loaded and suspended on the wooden rifle hooks upon the wall, with the powder-horn wadding, powder and ball together with a hickory ram-rod and wiping stick brought from Tennessee in readiness for any treachery of which they suspected these sons of the prairie.

Wild deer both grey and black, wolves and wild hogs were numerous, and Uncle Robert tells many blood-curdling stories of half-breath escapes from the latter, often being

chased by ferocious bears and more savage old sows and their litter of wild pigs, the sapling or the tree was the only safe retreat when chased by these angry brutes which knew no fear.

The Sangamon afforded an abundance of fish the prairie was dotted with wild chickens and the timber had many squirrels wild turkeys, tucks brants cranes etc. The prairie grass was full of black rattlesnakes and the timber with the yellow variety together with other snakes to a man's liking.

Mr. Warnick describes the wooden mould-board plow with a bar shear cutting a furrow of thirteen inches or more, and drawn by four yoke of cattle. This was followed by a boy who dropped seed corn into every third furrow in such a position that the corn might sprout and come up between the cracks of the sward of grass turned by the primitive plow. He relates that it was not fashionable to work or plow the corn until the second year, and that it was a long time before they could give up clearing land instead of breaking the prairie.

Uncle Robert says the nearest house

toward the west in 1825 was Martin Kemble's at Bolivia, nineteen miles away, west of Mt. Auburn, the nearest east being that of Uncle Lewis Ward at Salem church, the family of Wm. Ward living still east and north of that, John Ward who had the reputation of being an Indian fighter.

Mr. Warnick tells of the privations endured, of how neighbors would visit or borrow from each other, travelling miles to meet, of how his mother knit spun and wove, of how they bleached ashes to make their own soap, of how they cooked over the fire, of the corn pone of Johnny cakes, of wild turkey eggs, dried venison, of wild hog's hams fattened upon mast of how they made the corn bread hump itself by pearlash made by the women, not even having salaratus in those days, of evicting wolf hunts of prowling Kickapooes, of an occasional manhandle in search of horse thieves murderers, etc.

All these scenes which have passed away and many more does Uncle Robert relate.

His father became the first sheriff of Macon county and decided to enter a piece of land going to Vandallia to make his application and secure a land warrant which was duly signed by President Jackson at Washington.

Mr. Warnick attended school a few months east of the Green Hill farm taught by a Mr. McCall afterwards county clerk of this county, he relates an incident of school life in which Uncle Jesse Austin concluded he would whip the teacher but in turn got severely thrashed for his cupidity, to company of twenty men he marched under First Lieutenant Dick Oglesby to Camargo and Tampico thence to Vera Cruz, three hundred miles away, outtripped by a dense forest delayed by supply teams, and harassed by wily Mexican guerrillas making a part of the trip upon a sailing vessel being sea sick for several days. At the rear of Vera Cruz he witnessed the bombardment of the strong castle in the offing nearly losing his life by a severe attack of stomach trouble while escaping the shot and shell from the emplacements.

When the castle fell he marched into battle at Cerro Gordo was at Jalapa and returned with the mules captured at Cerro Gordo to Vera Cruz where he heard of the capture of the City of Mexico and the end of the war. The incidents of this war experience would fill a volume, being of an exciting and humorous nature and too lengthy for this article.

Of his comrades he now knows of but two living, viz. Matthew Bradshaw, of Harrisburg and Thomas Ritchie of Sangamon, the latter of whom was severely wounded at Cerro Gordo.

Mrs. Warnick died and he married Miss Mary E. Lay, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Lay, of Blue Mound township, and who crossed over many years since.

Mr. Warnick is now in his seventy-ninth year, hale and hearty, possessed of all his mental faculties, eyes slightly dimmed sense of humor acute, and altogether a typical gentleman of the old school down to isolated individuals in widely separated neighborhoods awaiting the summons of Him who cares for the least in His Kingdom.

**HOME FROM THE SOUTH**  
Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Moore arrived home Saturday from the south. Mrs. Moore accompanied by her sister, Mrs. H. E. Amsden of Clinton, left last February for Miami, Fla. After visiting at that place they went to Nassau, and then back to St. Augustine, Jacksonville and other east coast points.

About two weeks ago they went to New Orleans and were joined there by Dr. Moore who stayed for a week at Dr. Moore's and accompanied his wife and Mrs. Amsden home.

What has become of the old-fashioned young people who only went to church to cut up?

## PLAN OUTLINED

Sunday School Workers Meet and Prepare for the Annual Township Conventions.

SCHEME IS ENTIRELY NEW.

And It Is Believed to be Most Effective Ever Adopted.

There was a meeting of the executive committee and township vice presidents of the Macon county Sunday schools Saturday afternoon. They selected four persons to have charge of the township conventions. They are P. P. Laughlin, D. M. Riber, J. F. Wicks and A. H. Mills. They will divide the Sunday school workers into four groups. The conventions will be held in each division for two evenings and one day in every township except Decatur where it will be held one evening and one day. For every day for one week a convention will be held in eight townships.

Beginning Monday night, May 18 and Tuesday and Tuesday night conventions will be at Blue Mound, Macon, Elgin and Harrisburg. Tuesday night and Wednesday and Wednesday night conventions will be at Boody, Elgin, Mt. Zion and Long Creek. Wednesday night, Thursday and Thursday night conventions will be at Natick, Forsyth, Warrensburg and Argenta. Friday night and Saturday the convention for Decatur township will be held. These conventions will be under the direction of the township vice presidents. Mr. Wicks will assist at Blue Mound, Boody, Oakley and Natick. Mr. Laughlin will assist at Macon, Elgin, Macon and Forsyth. Mr. Riber will assist at Harrisburg, Long Creek, Argenta and Argenta. Mr. Mills will assist at Macon, Mt. Zion, Austin and Warrensburg. Owen Scott and G. H. Hight will assist in Decatur township. The city pastors have kindly consented to assist in the conventions and one will probably be in each of the conventions out of the city. There will be an adjourned meeting of the committee next Saturday to complete the arrangements at P. P. Laughlin's office. Those who hold their convention the first evenings will concentrate their efforts here the following Friday night and those who have the convention during the day and the second evening will be in Decatur on Saturday.

The intention of the meetings is to get more people interested in the cause of township conventions than have ever participated before, and to be helpful to the pastors, officers teachers and parents. The program at each convention will be on the following order.

- First Day, Evening.
  - 7:30 Song and Prayer Service
  - 8:00 Address
  - 8:30 Address
  - 9:00 Adjournment
- Second Day, Morning.
  - 9:30 Song and Prayer Service
  - 10:00 Our Standards A five minute paper on each by local worker.
  - (a) Teachers' Meeting
  - (b) Written Review
  - (c) Loyalty and Graduation
  - (d) Normal Work
  - (e) Home Department
  - (f) Cradle Roll
  - (g) Rally Day
  - (h) Decision Day
  - (i) Table Conference on above topics
- Second Day, Afternoon.
  - 2:00 Song and Prayer Service
  - 2:30 Normal Lesson
  - 3:00 Primary Work
  - 3:30 Needs of this Township—How to Meet Them
  - 4:00 Report from Superintendent of each school from the records
  - 4:30 Election of Township Officers
- Second Day, Evening.
  - 7:30 Prayer Service
  - 8:00 Address
  - Offering for Township and County Work
  - 8:30 Address
  - 8:00 Adjournment

# HINMAN'S Wonderful BARGAINS

### FOR THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL

To keep our record on the increase we name some prices on good, reliable merchandise. A SLASHING CUT has been made in prices

#### Shirt Waists

We received this week a large line of New Waists. Special values on all styles of summer: Waists, India Linon Waists, tucked and insertion trimmed. **75c**

Special good values in Lace and Insertion trimmed, special priced. **98c**

The New Cotton Etamine in white and black figured, a good waist for office wear, our special price, 98c and **\$1.25**

25 ladies' white Etamine Waists, with the Grape Applique, \$2.00 values, now **\$1.48**

Special values in all the late styles, **\$2.48**

All Linen made of Butcher's Linen, and insertion trimmed; regular \$4.00 value now **\$2.98**

#### 50 Silk Skirts at a Sacrifice

We have 50 Silk Skirts ranging in price from \$5.00 to \$25.00. We propose to lower this line. We name the price as follows. You call and see the qualities:

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| All \$5.00 and \$6.00 Silk Skirts           | <b>\$3.98</b>  |
| All \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$9.50 Silk Skirts   | <b>\$5.98</b>  |
| All \$9.75, \$10.50 and \$11.00 Silk Skirts | <b>\$7.98</b>  |
| All \$12.50 and \$13.50 Silk Skirts         | <b>\$9.75</b>  |
| All grades from \$15.00 to \$25.00 now      | <b>\$13.75</b> |

If you want a Silk Skirt you can't afford to miss this chance as they won't last long at the price.

#### Misses' Skirts

Some very valuable styles we place on sale for \$1.98, \$2.48 and **\$2.98**

#### Lace Curtains

Our Stock is large and a fine assortment to show you

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| Special prices 69c to                 | <b>\$1.00</b> |
| Window Shades, 7-foot, all complete   | <b>25c</b>    |
| Tapestry and Rope Portiere, \$2.98 to | <b>\$6.50</b> |

#### Bed Spreads

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| Good heavy Marseilles pattern      | <b>69c</b>    |
| Extra good values, 80c, \$1.00 and | <b>\$1.48</b> |

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## THE BARON'S GRIP

The Anthracite Coal Operators of Pennsylvania Have the Situation Firmly in Their Grasp.

RETAIL DEALERS ARE HELPLESS

Anthracite Jobbers Have Been Forced Out of The Business.

According to the statements of the newspapers some of the coal dealers of Central Illinois are trying now to sell their customers a supply of hard coal for next winter. They are quoting the price at \$6.75 per ton.

In Decatur the dealers are giving the consumers a chance to recover from the swatting they received when they bought hard coal last winter, and have not yet commenced campaigning for next winter's supply.

When one of the coal dealers was asked if there were quotations being offered the Decatur consumers he shook his head and said "too early." After a moment he added, "From this time on the price of hard coal may advance 25 cents per month until it gets up to \$7 and perhaps \$7.50. It may not advance so much. No one can tell. The consumer as a rule prefers to wait and would rather have the use of his money until next fall than to save whatever he would save, if anything, by putting in the fuel at this time. Really if you would see the circulars that are sent out to the dealers by the hard coal companies of Pennsylvania you would recognize the fact that unless a dealer is absolutely certain to get cash for the coal he delivers now there is little in it for him to get early orders.

Here's a circular:

"All prices subject to change without notice. Quotations and contracts shall not be binding until orders from purchasers shall have been received in writing and accepted by us in the same manner. Purchasers shall not assign their contracts without our consent in writing. All sales are for shipment to purchasers in the town or towns where they are regularly in business.

"Invoice weights at original point of shipment shall govern settlements. After the delivery of the coal to the carrier our responsibility ceases and the coal shall then in all respects be at the risk of the purchaser.

"We will not be responsible for damage for a failure to deliver caused by our inability to procure transportation, or from lockouts, strikes among our employees, or those of any other coal or

transportation company, from any cause whatever, or for any other cause beyond our control.

"All accounts are due on the 15th of the month for coal shipped during the previous month and subject to draft after maturity. All overdue accounts shall draw interest at six (6) per cent.

All sales are made subject to advance in freight rates until cars are accepted by the railroads. Any increase in cost of freight from mines to point of delivery to be added to the price quoted or billed."

Here's another condition that they tack on the accepted order: "The above order for coal is given with the express stipulation that if any part of it, for any cause whatever, is not filled on the last day of this month, the balance will be shipped at the price prevailing at the time that the coal goes forward, unless we request the unfilled portion cancelled."

"We sign that last paragraph, not from choice, but from necessity. Formerly there were a number of jobbers, but now all coal comes direct from the operator. The operators combined and went after the jobber so that he is now out of business. In the old days the jobbers would buy immense amounts of coal early in the spring and hold it until fall and then undersell the operators, just enough to get the business. It took immense sums of money for the jobbers to carry on their business, but the coal was good collateral and they managed without difficulty until the operators took a hand. There was one occasion when an Illinois jobber went to the mines and bought 1,500 car loads of coal and paid the cash for it. He bought early in the springtime and held the fuel till fall. In those days he could make a deal with some freight agent and hold at least a large part of the fuel in cars on the side tracks. He couldn't do that now. In the fall he would undersell the operators and get the business of the retailer. Now the retailer can get coal as cheap as the jobber and the jobber has gone out of business.

"If we were to go to some eastern point to buy a big lot of hard coal before the order was finally approved it would be sent to the operator's agent at Chicago and before we finished we would discover that we were doing business with the Chicago agent just the same as though we had stayed at home and sent in our order by mail.

"One time one of our customers was kicking about the price of hard coal and said that the people here should refuse to buy anthracite for a time and that that would bring the operators to time and that rather than lose the business they would reduce the price. Compared with the total loss the western business amounts to very little. When in New York City less than two years

## VIEWS OF RECENT CYCLONE

Sunday afternoon, April 12, a disastrous cyclone swept over territory a few miles east of Lincoln. The country homes of Samuel V. Baldwin in Chester township and Adam Schonauer in East Lincoln township were almost totally destroyed. The accompanying illustrations are reproductions of pictures taken the evening of the cyclone by W. O. Paisley.



ADAM SCHONAUER'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS, SIXTEEN IN NUMBER WERE UNDER THESE RUINS.



SMOKEHOUSE WHERE MRS. S. V. BALDWIN AND TWO HIRED HANDS WERE.



WRECKED HOME OF SAMUEL V. BALDWIN.



WHAT WAS LEFT OF ADAM SCHONAUER'S HOME.

### Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

has stood the test 25 years. Average Annual Sales over One and a Half Million bottles. Does this record of merit appeal to you? No Cure, No Pay.

Endorsed with every bottle is a Ten Cent package of Grove's Best Root Beer.



# HUTCHIN & HARDY'S

Store--139 N. Water St.



Have one of the best selected Spring Stocks of Shoes in Decatur.

**Ladies' Shoes** for dress--The faultless Dorothy Dodd--and many others. We please the people--prices right.

**Men's Shoes** that can't be matched. They are H. & H. Special \$3.00; The Ralston at \$4.00, only at our store.

**Shoes for Men and Boys** for service that hold up and wear--goods that will do the work.

Give them a trial.

## HUTCHIN & HARDY

Repairing Promptly Done 139 N. Water Street

### STRUGGLE BEGINS

C. B. & Q. Company Refuses the Demands Made a Week Ago.

STRIKERS ARE DETERMINED.

Union Tinkers Got a Nine Hour Day.

He said several days ago that he would do, on Friday Wilson Berling, manager of the C. B. & Q. agricultural implement works, gave an answer to who on Monday refused to work. He had given an answer to the union tinkers who had demanded a nine hour day. The answer was in the form of a letter to the committee which had been granted the request. In making the letter, the letter in behalf of the company said that the company was not going to pay as much as manufacturer's concerns in the same line of business. The company said that the goods of Decatur concern come in competition with goods from other places.

There was no conference between the manager and the members of the committee which received the letter. There was no statement to the effect that the men were to be called at the office were paid up to the time that they quit work on Friday.

When the committee had received the letter some of the strikers were asked what would be done and they said that they would simply stand out for their original demand that if they did not get what they asked for, they would not resume work. Last night the strikers held a meeting in the miners' hall on East Main street. They decided unanimously that they would not return to work unless they got the hours and the money they asked for.

The body was taken to the home of Mrs. Beaumont's sister, Mrs. Sidney Dedman, 550 North Main street, and today will be taken to the family home in Moweaqua. The funeral will be held some time Sunday.

### CONDITIONAL \$5,000 OFFER

The Y. M. C. A. Will Get That Sum If They Can Raise All Money by May 4.

### SUBSCRIBERS SHOULD PAY UP.

Another gift has been made to the Y. M. C. A. This time the sum is \$5,000 and is given by a man who does not want his name known at the present time and who lays down certain conditions which must be met before the money will be given.

A business man came to Secretary Patterson Saturday and said that he would give \$5,000 toward the new Y. M. C. A. building if the board of directors would by May 4 secure enough donations or subscriptions to see their way clear to erect the building. In other words the \$5,000 is coming if enough more money can be subscribed within seven days to make the building a sure thing.

Secretary Patterson says that this means that it is up to the people who intend to give as to whether or not this \$5,000 can be secured. The intention is to secure about \$75,000 for the new building and the association will not start to build until enough money has been secured to put up the building free of debt.

Already nearly half of the amount has been secured but there are yet many persons who have expressed an intention of giving but who are holding back. If these people will make their subscriptions at once and others will give, Mr. Patterson says that the board will be able to secure the \$50,000 which has been offered.

At any rate the board will make every effort to meet the conditions during the next week and secure the sum, or enough to make the building a sure thing so that the donation of \$5,000 can be received by the association.

You can't make a horse fast by starving him.

### GOOD YEAR FOR REAL ESTATE

The New Additions On the Market are Attracting Much Attention.

### TRANSFERS THE PAST WEEK.

This year promises to be a good one for real estate dealing. Many city properties have changed hands as well as quite a number of farms, and the city lot business will probably be better this summer than it has for many years past.

One of the new additions which has just been opened is McCaskill's second addition. Daniel McCaskill was here from Chicago during the past few days to see about opening the addition. The signs have been put up on the property and already some of the lots have been sold.

The addition contains 35 lots fronting on West William street, Prairie avenue and West Main street. Van Dyke street will be the east boundary of the addition and will be opened.

T. T. Roberts was the first to purchase lots in the addition. He has bought four lots on the south side of West William street, including the one on the corner of William and Van Dyke streets. He paid \$1200 for each lot.

Mr. Roberts intends to build a handsome residence on the lots. The house will not be a very large one but will be handsome and will cost from \$7000 to \$8000. The house will be situated on the southwest part of the tract and will front toward the northeast, having a large yard in front. It will be a handsome site for a residence and Mr. Roberts and his family will reside there as soon as the house can be finished which will probably not be much sooner than a year. Mr. Roberts will probably sell his present residence on West Main street.

Several other lots in the addition have been sold to persons who will probably build.

R. R. Montgomery and John Ullrich, the owners of Beman Place, east of the city will place on sale more lots in the addition. Last July four blocks of 65 lots were laid out in Beman Place and now all of these lots excepting nine have been sold and four blocks more located between East Prairie and East Main streets have been laid out and will be offered for sale after May 1. These lots will range in price from \$300 to \$600. Many of the persons who bought lots in the addition will build.

A sewer or drain tile will be put in at once connecting the tile on William street which empties into the city sewer with another tile which extends through East Park Boulevard on East Prairie street thereby draining the low part of the addition in block 2. All of these lots have been sold and will be improved and the tile is to give them proper drainage.

The recorder's office shows that there has been a good week of real estate transfers. For the week ending Saturday night 33 warranty deeds were recorded besides six quit claims. The total amount of the considerations in the latter was \$1713, and the total of the considerations in the warranty deeds for the week was \$51,548.

### AT REST IN GREENWOOD.

Burial of Mrs. G. W. McFarland on Friday Evening.

The funeral of Mrs. George W. McFarland was held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the family residence, 510 East Eldorado street, and was largely attended.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Birnbach, pastor of St. John's Episcopal church. There were many beautiful flowers, remembrances from the many friends of the family.

The music was given by a choir composed of D. L. Bunn, A. Lindamood, Miss Noy Montgomery and Miss Grace Hubbard. "Lead Kindly Light" and two other selections were sung at the house. Mr. Birnbach conducted the regular Episcopal service. There were no remarks.

The burial was at Greenwood cemetery and there was a short committal service at the grave. The pall bearers were Kyle Bohon, Frank Evans, Arthur Dumont, Edward Powers, J. E. Strohm and Sherry Ehrman.

San Francisco, April 25--At Oakland today in the two mile race, Learoyd stumbled and fell. Before Jockey Watson could rise he was struck by the hoofs of another horse and his skull was fractured. Physicians say he is likely to die.

Jockey Earl who was hurt yesterday, died from operation of the brain.

### DECLINES OFFICE

Mayor-elect W. F. Stevenson of Monticello Says that He Will Not Qualify.

HE WILL PAY THE EXPENSES

Of Electing His Successor--He is An Anti-License Man.

Monticello had a surprise Friday morning when the announcement was made that W. F. Stevenson, mayor-elect, would refuse to qualify for the office to which he had been chosen. The authoritative announcement came from Mr. Stevenson in a letter as follows:

Monticello, Ill., April 24, 1906. To the City Council of Monticello: Dear Sirs--I decline to serve as mayor. If you call another election charge the expense to my account. Respectfully,

W. F. STEVENSON.

The successful candidate is a democrat and defeated A. F. Moore, the present incumbent, by twenty-four votes. While the candidates were on party tickets the contest was, as usual in Monticello, more of a personal matter. They did not indulge in bitter personalities, but the election of Mr. Stevenson was no doubt due to his personal popularity.

The burning issue at Monticello in city elections, now as for years past is the license question, but that does not divide the candidates. It is possible to have an anti-license mayor while saloons are permitted because there is an agreement that the question shall be voted on separately and the will of the voters is strictly observed. Stevenson is an anti-license man, but appeared in the recent campaign only as a democrat. The license folks won on Tuesday last by a majority of thirty-eight.

The supposition is that Mr. Stevenson did not wish to preside at the head of a license administration when he was opposed to the system. He does not say so but that is the belief among his personal friends. He is a retired farmer and a man of means.

The next meeting of the city council of Monticello will be held on the night of May 5 and the expectation is that no official action will be taken until that time.

### Paris Romance.

At Paris the facts have just come to light of a somewhat romantic elopement, the parties concerned being Tida Crose, the seventeen year old son of C. A. Crose, West Court street grocer and Mrs. Julia Stark a pretty little widow, who is probably ten years his senior. The boy's infatuation for Mrs. Stark has been for some time evident and his parents have made every effort to overcome it but with the usual result the opposition only caused the flames of true love to burn more fiercely.

# BRADLEY BROS.

## Lace Curtain Bargains

If last week had been fair weather we would have closed out every pair of a great job in curtains, bought of the old firm of J. S. Lesser & Co., of New York, at 66 2/3 cents on the dollar. We will put the entire line on sale this week.

Swiss Muslin Curtains three yards long with ruffle, at 75c worth \$1 a pair.

Plain Bobinet Curtains with lace ruffle, at \$1 worth \$1.50.

Fine Nottingham Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, worth \$1.50.

White and Ecru Nottingham Lace Curtains 3 1/2 yards long, 60 inches wide, Brussels net styles, at \$3.50 a pair, worth \$6.00.

Irish Point, Brussels Net, Swiss Tamboour, Arabian and Antique Curtains, at \$3.50, \$4.95, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$10.

## Heavy Draperies

A beautiful line to select from; Portieres at \$1.50 a pair and up to \$10.

Rope Portieres, for large double doors, at \$1.45 each.

Rope Portieres in Turkish colors at \$2.50 to \$5.

## Carpets

We can save you from 50 to 35c a yard on carpets, and show a greater variety than any two stores in town. We show all the latest patterns, have no old stock to work off, and there is no waste to be charged up to the buyer.

## Floor Rugs

Our display of Floor Rugs (large size) will be more complete than ever before, showing all the latest colorings and styles obtainable in Tapestry, Body, Wilton and Axminster.

## Mattings

We call attention to our own importation of China and Japan Matting, the most superb line ever shown in Decatur. This large and varied assortment comprises weaves and patterns entirely new to us here and which have never been shown in this country, except in San Francisco.

## Bed Room Curtains

A beautiful line of Fish Net and Muslin Curtains, trimmed with lace and ruffles, at 48c to \$3.50 a pair.

Curtain Drapery by the yard, 5c up to 60c.

A nice line of real Scotch Madras, by the yard 25c to 90c.

A complete line of Shades, Poles and Fixtures.

## Linoleum

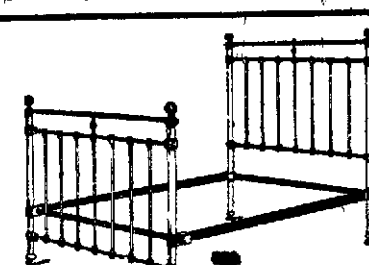
English Linoleum (Westminster) represents in quality the most durable floor covering known, and for artistic colorings and designs is equal to velvet carpet. This particular quality (Westminster) is composed entirely of oxidized linseed oil and ground cork.

*Bradley Bros*  
Decatur, Ill.

## THE REASON WHY

This store does the largest volume of business; the reason why our prices are the lowest, is because we buy in the largest quantities and take advantage of all cash discount, carry the largest assortment of House Furnishing Goods in Central Illinois and in consequence of our large volume of trade can do business on smaller profits.

Our floors are crowded with new spring goods; we have thousands of dollars worth of goods that must go before June 1st; if you want goods at reasonable prices come here; if you want cheap trashy goods, dear at any price, you must go elsewhere.



The new styles in Iron Beds never were so varied, beautiful, and reasonable in price. Throw away that old wood bed and come in select a new dainty iron bed.

A neat brass trimmed bed as low as \$2.50

Handsome \$4.50

Full brass top and knobs, extension foot \$6

A full line of finer beds.



INTERURBAN FOLDING GO CARTS

Can be folded up and carried with you. Some as low as \$3.50

A full line of Gendron Go Carts in beautiful effects and upholstery, equipped with large cushion tires.

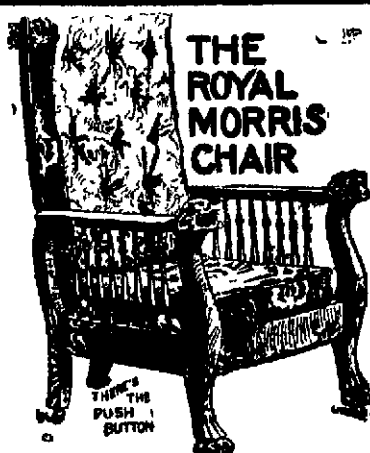


KARPEN GUARANTEED COUCH

Genuine Karpen Steel construction. Couch, covered in fancy velvet, oak frame, only \$9.75

handsome carved frame, covered in Extra large Karpen steel Couch, best quality of wool mohair plush, guaranteed not to fade, worth \$20, only \$17.50

A full line of Bed Davenport, can be changed instantly from a luxuriant Davenport to a comfortable full sized bed. Prices from \$75.00 to \$25



THE ROYAL MORRIS CHAIR

Morris Chairs and Easy Rockers, a new comfortable chair, always finds a place at house cleaning time. We are the sole agents for the celebrated Royal Chairs. You press the button, the spring does the rest.

## Carpets and Mattings.

Our line of Carpets and Mattings are a pleasant surprise to all who visit this department and as our prices are from 10 to 20 per cent lower than others our sales have exceeded our expectations.

Tapestry Brussels from 90c to 60c

Axminsters from \$1.25 to \$1

Velvets from \$1.50 to 90c

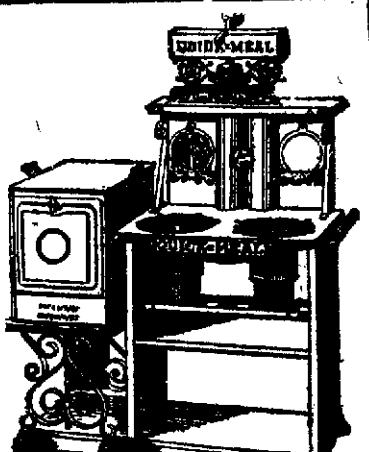
Ingrains from 75c to 19c

150 room size Rugs from \$50.00 to \$12.50

We are still giving away Mattings, must reduce our stock 150 rolls this month. We lose on them, but you gain.

These are first class soft, pliable goods imported this season, not old burnt out dead straw carried over from last year.

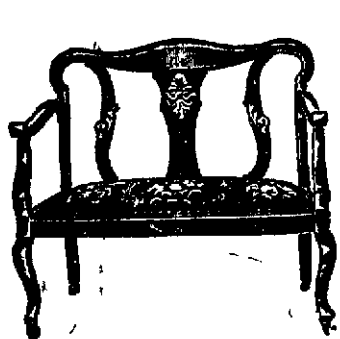
Our prices on Lace Curtains are attracting the attention of careful buyers. You know the value of these goods. Come and see for yourself.



QUICK MEAL

That's enough, the only perfectly satisfactory Gasoline Stove on the market. Lights like a gas stove and absolutely safe.

A full line on sample from \$5.50 to \$30



PARLOR FURNITURE

A fancy Parlor Cabinet or Corner Chair, a dainty Divan, will add to the appearance of your parlor. This line is sure to please you.

If you are a stranger in Decatur and wish to furnish a house you will find everything you need from kitchen to parlor. Out of town purchases will receive our most careful attention. All goods packed and delivered free at your R. R. station.

## BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO.

THE COMPLETE HOUSEFURNISHERS--THE BIG STORE. CORNER WATER AND NORTH STREETS







# Saturday, May 2, is Circus Day

Great Special Sale of Clothing, Dry Goods and Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings and Sample Shoes will commence on that day. Make this store your resting place and partake of the bargains offered.

## Arcade Bargain Store M. LEVIN, Prop.

### OBJECTIONS

Street Property Owners Oppose to the Resurfacing of North Water Street.

### IS NOT COMPLETED.

Position is Based on Technical Grounds.

The objections to the improvement of North Water street from the Washington tracks to the Illinois Central tracks occupied most of Judge Smith's time in the county court Monday. The proposition is to resurface the street and a number of property owners presented objections. These objections are the Illinois Central railroad, Emma C. Whitelock, J. W. Redd, C. O. Young, Benjamin Dill, G. Danzelsen and Zeffe Clark Dillow. Several minor matters were brought up as objections but the most important point made was that the improvement had not been properly advertised. It was claimed that the advertisement specified that there was to be a special assessment while it had been stated that it was a taxation. City Attorney Walters said that both were the same.

The advertisement was in the Herald five consecutive times, in the Herald, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning papers. The attorneys for the objectors claimed that Sunday publication could not be used because Sunday was not a legal day and that Monday morning was used and therefore that the publication was not legal because the law said that the notice must appear in a daily paper for five consecutive days.

Mr. Walters claimed that the advertisement had appeared in five consecutive issues of the paper and was legal.

The lawyers had business in the circuit court so the case was not concluded. It will be taken up again Monday or sooner if possible. The lawyers for the objectors are Hugh C. Creagh, Housman, D. D. Hill and Ewing Baldwin.

### Other Cases.

Varian Peck who was charged with assault and battery pleaded guilty before Judge Smith and was fined \$10. The cases against Oscar Knoblock and John Helderly, both charged with assault with a deadly weapon, were set for a hearing Monday, May 4.

The entries on the common law book were as follows:

Eachman Bros. & Martin Company vs. Nellie Clark, assumpsit set for May 4.

James E. Osborne vs. Mrs. W. C. Hill, et al., confession set for Monday, May 4.

Henry Shlademan vs. Edward H. Hill, et al., set for Tuesday, May 5.

R. R. Race vs. Stewart Dry Goods Company, assumpsit dismissed at request of plaintiff for want of prosecution.

L. Peggam vs. W. A. Knight et al., assumpsit set for Monday, May 4.

Isa Sackett vs. Peter Sill, appeal, dismissed at cost of plaintiff for want of prosecution.

### WHILE HE WAS DRUNK.

Dilley, a Young Brick Layer, Arrested for Burglary.

### WILLIAM BEST IS DEAD

Former Supervisor of Macon County Passes Away at Guaymas, La.—Moved Away Year Ago.

### HAD LIVED HERE FOR 30 YEARS.

William Best, formerly of Macon county, died Saturday, April 25, at Guaymas, La., where he went to live last year. The body will arrive at Dalton City today and the funeral will be held from Prairie Home Wednesday.

Mr. Best formerly resided in Milan township and was one of the best known citizens in that part of the county. He lived in Macon county about thirty years and for ten years served as supervisor from Milan and resigned when he went south. Mr. Best was a democrat and was repeatedly elected on the democratic ticket as supervisor. He was held in the highest esteem by the people of his township and on the board of supervisors he was always considered one of the most useful members.

Mr. Best is survived by a widow and four sons and five daughters. They are Charles Best, Mrs. Minnie Turpin and Miss Maggie Best, all of Decatur, Richard Best of St. Louis and Benjamin and Frank Best and three younger children residing in Louisiana. At the meeting of the board of supervisors Monday resolutions in memory of Mr. Best were passed and expressions of regret were made by the members.

### Ernst.

Bertha M., aged 19 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ernst, died Monday at the home of R. C. Hinds, at 547 North Water street. Her death was due to diabetes with which she had been confined to her bed for the last two weeks. In addition to her parents she is survived by five brothers and two sisters.

The funeral will be held this afternoon, the services being at the Tabernacle at 2 o'clock.

### CARBOLIC ACID

Was the Method Chosen by Mrs. Clem Smith of Macon for Ending Her Life.

### DRANK AN OUNCE OF POISON.

She Feared That Her Family Would Come to Want.

At Macon Monday Mrs. Clem Smith committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. She took the poison early in the day but her death did not occur until 7 o'clock at night.

Mrs. Smith has been at Macon for several weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. Amelia Davis, and the expectation had been that today she would leave for her home in Louisiana. Little more than a year ago Clem Smith, his wife and son went to Louisiana to make their home. Recently Mrs. Smith came to Macon to visit her mother, Mrs. Davis. She has been worried, needless to say, about the outcome of the venture into Louisiana and grieved constantly because she feared that the family was to be impoverished Monday morning when she met a friend and he said something about her return to her southern home, she at once began bewailing her fate and declared that the rice business was a fake, and repeated that over and over again.

Some time between 8 and 9 o'clock she went to her room in the second story of the house at her mother's home and an hour or more later when called she failed to respond and an investigation proved that she had taken poison. Dr. Boggs was called but the woman was beyond medical assistance. She had taken an ounce of carbolic acid and when found she was unconscious, her tongue was swollen so thick that she could not talk.

The deceased was 42 years old. She is survived by her husband and two sons, one of them, James Smith, being employed at Huff's restaurant in this city. Her husband and one son are in Louisiana. Coroner Dawson was notified and he will go to Macon today to hold an inquest.

Mayor Buckwalter of Indianapolis told the committee that presented the working-men petition for Sunday baseball that he could not set aside the law against Sunday games and that anyone who violated it they must suffer the penalty.

### JAIL CONTRACT

Was Awarded to B. S. Brooks the Price Being \$20,021.40—Pauly Co. Furnishes Iron.

### STANDING COMMITTEES NAMED.

Brooks Gets \$325 for Drawing the Jail Plans.

The contract for improving the county jail has been let to Architect B. S. Brooks, who drew the plans for the improvement, with the understanding that the iron work shall be procured from the Pauly Jail Building Company of St. Louis. The contract price was \$20,021.40 and the board will also pay Mr. Brooks \$325 for his plans.

This action was taken at a special meeting of the board of supervisors which was held Monday afternoon. At the same time the new chairman, B. R. Hurlburt appointed his standing committees for the year.

All of the members of the board were present. They decided to discuss the matter of the jail contract behind closed doors. William Landrum, a representative of the Pauly Jail Building company, was present and explained to the board the working of the steel and iron jail fittings made by his company. He had a little model which showed the methods of ventilation, and locking and other details.

The board particularly liked the Pauly system. Mr. Brooks was called before the board and was asked if his bid included the Pauly iron and steel fittings. Mr. Brooks said that if the bid was given to him the Pauly material would be used the same as if the Pauly company had the contract.

Bids on the iron and steel work, which includes the gratings, doors, steel cells and other fittings were as follows: Iron Works of Kenton, Co., \$13,375; Pauly Company, \$13,192.50. This was for the metal work alone.

The Pauly Company made a bid of \$20,325 for the entire work but the representative said that the company did not particularly want the entire job but made the bid to protect themselves so the other bids would not be too high.

L. S. Baker made a bid of \$6781 for the work outside of what would be done by the iron company. This bid added to the bid of the Pauly company for the iron work made the total \$19,952.50 or \$67 less than Mr. Brooks' bid for the entire job. Mr. Brooks however stated that if he was given the contract he would charge only \$25 for his plans while if some one else got the contract his charge for the plans would be \$425. He was willing to make a cut of \$100 on his plans if he got the contract and this made a difference of \$100 which overbalanced the \$67 difference on the other side, making the whole cost about \$33 less if the contract was given to Brooks.

Considering this the board gave Mr. Brooks the contract.

The representative of the Pauly company said that the contract called only for the regulation iron bars but that at additional expense of about \$1000 for the sake of advertisement the company would put in new patent bars which are flat and are made of three layers of iron and two layers of steel.

The contract which was let to Mr. Brooks calls for a new porch on the front of the sheriff's residence and the fitting of the place now used as a cell room so that it will be a suitable room for the jailer.

Nothing was said about how soon the work must begin. That will remain with the building committee.

The Standing Committees.

Before the board adjourned Chairman Hurlburt appointed the following standing committees to serve for the next year:

Judiciary—Johnston, Hollinger, Stoy, Abel and Cussins.

Finance—Brown, Hight, Vangilder, Holman and May.

### THE MARKETS

Chicago Cash Market.

Chicago April 27—Wheat—No. 2 red 77 to 77 1-2, No. 3 red, 68 to 75, No. 3 hard, 71 to 74, No. 3 hard, 68 to 74; April, 76 7-8. May opened, 77 3-8 to 77 1-2, highest, 77 3-4; lowest, 76 1-2 closed, 77 1-4.

Corn—No. 2, No. 2 white and No. 2 yellow, 45 to 46 1-2, No. 3, 44 to 45 1-2, April, 44 7-8; May opened, 45 1-2 to 45 3-4; highest, 45 3-4, lowest, 44 1-2, closed, 44 7-8.

Oats—No. 2, 31 1-2; No. 3, 30 to 31, No. 2 white, 36 to 37, No. 3 white, 35 to 36, No. 4 white, 28 to 33, standard, 35 to 36, April, 33 1-8, May opened, 34 1-4; highest, 34 1-4, lowest, 33 3-8; closed, 33 3-8.

Receipts and Shipments.

Flour ..... 11,000 17,000

Wheat ..... 48,000 321,000

Corn ..... 67,000 396,000

Oats ..... 130,000 265,000

Wheat at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 27—Wheat—Cash, 76 3-4, May, 74 7-8 to 75, July, 74 3-4 to 75 7-8, on track, No. 1 hard, 77 1-2, No. 1 northern, 76 3-4, No. 2 northern, 75 3-4.

Grain at Liverpool.

Liverpool, April 27—Wheat—Spot firm, No. 2 red western winter, 6s, 2 1-2d.

Corn—Spot American mixed new, firm, 4s, 7d American mixed old, steady, 6s, 3 1-2d.

New York Markets.

New York, April 27—Wheat—Receipts 229,000 exports, 100,000. Spot easy, No. 2 red, \$1 3-4 elevator, No. 2 red, \$1 3-4 f. o. b. and export.

Options closed easily 1-4 net lower; May 31, Corn—Receipts, 110,000, exports, 43,000. Spot steady, No. 2, 56 1-2 elevator and 53 1-2 f. o. b. and export; No. 2 yellow, 54, No. 2 white, 54 1-2 options closed 1-8 to 1-2 net lower.

May 55.

Oats—Receipts, 134,000. Spot dull; No. 2, 38, standard white, No. 2 white 40 1-2, track white, 38 to 45, options quiet and barely steady.

Live Stock at Chicago.

Chicago, April 27—Cattle—Receipts, 23,000. Market steady. Good to prime, \$5.10 to \$5.60, poor to medium, \$4.25 to \$5.10, stockers, \$3 to \$4.90; cows, \$1.50 to \$4.75, Texans, \$4 to \$5.

Hogs—Receipts, 48,000. Market 10 to 15 lower, mixed butchers, \$6.85 to \$7.10, good to choice heavy, \$7.15 to \$7.30, rough heavy, \$7 to \$7.15, light, \$6.70 to \$7.05, bulk sales, \$6.95 to \$7.20.

Sheep—Receipts, 20,000. Market steady, 10c lower, \$3.75 to \$5, lambs, \$4.50 to \$6.50.

Live Stock at St. Louis.

St. Louis, April 27—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000. Market steady to strong. Beef steers, \$3.50 to \$5.75, stockers and feeders, \$3.80 to \$4.75, cows and heifers, \$2.25 to \$5, Texas steers, \$3.60 to \$4.80.

Hogs—Receipts, 6,000. Market five cents lower. Range, \$4.75 to \$7.05.

BREAD CAST ON THE "WATER"

Comes Back Hundred Fold to the Steel Syndicate.

New York, April 27—The members of the original United States steel syndicate, who put up \$25,000,000 cash and are still liable to have to put up \$175,000,000 more, today received notice of the dissolution of the syndicate and of their final share in the distribution of profits aggregating \$50,000,000 or 200 per cent. They long ago received their original cash deposit of 12 1-2 per cent back again. Besides that, 20 per cent dividends have been declared.

### AGAINST THE CITY

Mary Fauber is Trying to Recover Damages in the Sum of Five Thousand Dollars.

### WIRE RAKED OFF BUGGY TOP.

Plaintiff Claims Personal Injuries—Business of Circuit Court.

The City of Decatur is defendant in a damage suit which was taken up for trial in the circuit court Monday. The plaintiff is Mary Fauber who wants \$5000 damages for personal injuries. Mrs. Fauber was driving in the north part of the city a wire struck the top of her buggy and tore off the top and threw her out. She received injuries for which she wants pay. The jury secured Monday is as follows: Harry L. Hill, J. C. Mendonsa, William R. Barnes, J. C. Redmon, James Steele, David Shoemaker, D. N. De-lashmutt, O. J. Danzelsen, Philip Delaney, H. D. Easter, A. Lemings and Lige Winn. Evidence will be introduced this morning.

### Divorces.

Two new divorce cases have been filed in the circuit clerk's office. G. W. Brockway wants a divorce from his wife, Millie Brockway, on the grounds of desertion, and John Newbill wants a divorce from his wife, Bessie Newbill, on the grounds of infidelity.

The docket entries Monday were as follows:

Malvina Lemmen vs. Magdaline Thomas et al., chancery, continued to May term.

Jeremiah Turpin, trustee, vs. Fannie Wilson, et al., bill to construe trust deed, report of trustee filed and approved and trustee discharged.

Common Law.

Mary Fauber vs. City of Decatur et al., case; trial by jury. Culver Electric Company vs. Augustine Wait, trespass on the case on promises, motion by defendant for continuance and case continued at cost of defendant.

H. C. Reed vs. Illinois Central Railroad company, trespass on the case; continued by agreement.

Francis M. Webb vs. John W. Eckman, St. assumpsit, continued.

Benjamin P. Landis vs. Washash Railroad Company, trespass on the case, continued by agreement.

### COUNTY ENDEAVOR UNION

A meeting of the Macon County Christian Endeavor Union was held Sunday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church. The purpose of the meeting was to arrange for a meeting to be held May 14, when Colorado will be discussed with the view of interesting the members so they will attend the international convention at Denver in June.

The following officers were elected: President—Dr. Clara Garber of the Baptist society.

Secretary—Miss Hattie Brown of the Presbyterian society.

The following committees were appointed to take charge of the meeting:

Advertising and Arrangements—H. B. Dyer, the Illinois agent in this city.

Programs—Rev. J. W. McDonald of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

Refreshments—Dr. Clara Garber and Miss Mary Harry.

Reception—Miss Mary Clark.

The State Endeavor convention will be held in Decatur May 23 and 24 and Miss Hattie Brown and Rev. F. W. Burnham will arrange the details.

### JUDGE OF HIS DUTY.

San Juan, Porto Rico, April 27—Judge Hips decision in the smuggling cases today upholds the power of the district attorney to seize property if he desired to do so. "As the district attorney feels it his duty to disburse the cases," the decision says, "and as he must be the judge of his duty, the cases against the Paymaster Merritt, Robert Giles, engineer, Benjamin Butler, ex-supervisor of elections, Capt. Crabbe, U. S. A., and Capt. Lowndes, surgeon, U. S. N., are therefore hereby dismissed."

The two Shamrocks have left Southampton in tow for the Clyde. The town council of Weymouth at a meeting decided to present Sir Thomas Lipton with an illuminated address in recognition of his sportsmanlike efforts to rock the American cup.

## THE ARCADE

MICHIGAN SALT  
Medium grain, fresh goods, per barrel..... 95c

KINGAN'S UTILITY SOAP  
A good laundry article..... 10 bars for 25c

40c BROOM  
Medium weight, four sewed, well made; each... 24c

35c BROOM  
Light weight, four sewed; each..... 19c

CALIFORNIA HONEY PRUNES  
Nice fresh sweet stock; 5 lbs for..... 25c

GOLD DUST WASHING POWDER  
25c packages..... 20c

LEWIS' LYE  
3 cans for..... 25c

CALIFORNIA YELLOW PEACHES  
3 pounds for..... 25c

ALASKA SALMON  
Nice fresh goods; 1-lb. cans; per can..... 10c

FAIRLAWN SODA  
The best that can be made; 10c package..... 5c

GARDEN SEEDS  
All 5c papers; new clean seeds; fresh stock; choice of any kind, per paper..... 1c

Bulk Garden Seeds  
1-2 the price of the Seed Store Price.

GRAND COFFEE DEMONSTRATION

CREMO BLEND  
Premium with every two pounds, per pound..... 15c

ARION BLEND  
Finest Coffee in the world for the money, sale price per pound..... 20c

MADORA BLEND  
Better than most 35c coffee, sale price, per pound..... 25c  
A premium with every two packages.

### Deaths Recorded.

H. H. Wise to Mary Smelley lot 16 in the survey of block 8 in H. H. Wise's second sub-division of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 15, township 16, range 2 east, \$1.

William Stephens to Anna Tauber lot 8 in block 2 of B. H. Cassell's seventh addition to Decatur, \$1500.

Martin E. Connard to Louise Lichenberger a strip 10 feet wide off the south side of lot 5 in block 1 of the original plat of Elwin, \$400.

Sarah M. Eymann to James M. Eymann quit claim to the undivided one-fifth interest in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter excepting 10 acres and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter excepting 15 acres, all in section 23, range 1 east, \$1000.

Ellen N. Conway to Lyde A. Newman quit claim to lot 6 in block 1 of J. R. Govin's addition to Decatur, \$1.

W. L. Lundy to Maud Esther Brooks lot 10 in block 3 of Urban Place, \$3000.

Maud Esther Brooks to W. L. Lundy, lot 4 in the survey of lot 10 and the north half of lot 6 in block 2 of H. Robinson's addition to Decatur, \$2500.

Caroline M. Powers to Kate Cora Oakes lot 8 in block 1 of Powers' first addition to Decatur, \$200.

Chickens running at large have been the cause of several Douglas feuds.

### Marriage Licenses.

Thomas Ater, Cerna Gordo..... 65  
Kathryn Sperry, Bement..... 41

I suffered with nervous debility for two years and doctored with many of the best doctors and got no relief. At last I called on Dr. Shallenberger, the Chicago specialist. After a careful examination he said he could cure me. He placed my case under his care, and after a few months' treatment I am entirely well and never felt better in my life. If you write me I will tell you all about my case.

Mrs. Blanche Bryner,  
607 Walnut St.,  
Kewanee, Ill.

### FARMERS COLUMN

WANTED—Everybody to buy a meal ticket at the Farmer's Restaurant. Meals, 15 cents; meals, 95 cents; 21 meals, \$2.75. 451 North Water street. B. T. Myers, prop.—Nov. 4-wtf

RED RIVER VALLEY LAND for sale. High grade Red River Valley land. Agents wanted. Address Illinois office, Russell-George Land Co., Champaign, Ill.—24-wtf

FOR SALE—1500 bu. nice white early seed oats. Sale at place, 1 mile south and 1-4 mile west of Harrison, J. J. Joynt or address me at Harrison, Ill.

GOOD CABINET PHOTOS per doz \$1 and up, including neat premium. Dark days all right for sittings. Finish smooth, matt or special steel. East End Gallery, 1019 N. Eldorado—24-wf